

ELECT DEPUTIES TO CONVENTION

Episcopal Council Concludes Work After All-Day Session.

MEET NEXT IN WINCHESTER

Cable Message to Archbishop of Canterbury Expressing Sympathy for Royal Family.

In view of the accumulation of business before the Episcopal Council yesterday the regular midday service was omitted, and in its stead Bishop Gibson had the noonday prayers for missions. The report of the committee on the state of the church was read by Rev. Robert K. Massie, D. D. It reviewed the work of the past year and had throughout a hopeful tone.

The activity of the bishops and others, which shows its results in growth and interest, was gratefully referred to; also the great work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the increased offerings, the importance of the \$5,000,000 clergy relief fund, concerning which active interest is urged, and the Diocesan Missionary Society. Comparative statistics were given, showing that the strength of the church in the diocese is nearly double what it was in 1895, when the State was divided into the two dioceses. Work in the Blue Ridge Mountains and among the colored people, together with the Sunday schools and educational institutions of the church, are among the main topics noted.

The decrease in candidates for the ministry, a condition which is confronting most, if not all, of the churches, was deplored, and earnest prayer and effort to meet the emergency are urged. On the whole the outlook is not discouraging. On motion of Dr. McBryde, the clergy of the diocese are requested to read the report before their congregations.

The report of the Diocesan Missionary Society, which was read by Rev. William M. Clark, showed that the money received during the year were the largest in its history and the balance greater than for years.

Cables Its Sympathy. Dr. Crawford moved that the sympathy of the Diocese of Virginia be extended to the royal family and people of England in their sorrow at the death of their King, and that the same be cabled the Archbishop of Canterbury. This was adopted by a rising vote, and the message was sent.

The report of the committee on colonial churches, which was read by Rev. John Moncre, D. D., stated that twenty-eight of these venerable buildings still remain. Three which had fallen partially or wholly into ruin have been taken in hand with a view to restoration, and a recommendation was made and confirmed to mark the sites of the churches which have passed away.

The funds of the Brotherhood of the Church, which provided for partial support for the families of the deceased clergy, were by resolution merged into those of the widows' and orphans' fund, that society meeting the same needs.

Meet Next in Winchester. The invitation of Rev. William D. Smith, rector of Christ Church, Winchester, to have the next council meet in his church, was accepted with thanks.

The debate on the preamble of the constitutions of the diocese was continued. Rev. E. L. Goodwin finishing his speech. Speeches pro and con were made. The resolutions of Dr. Morris looking to the preamble's defeat, were laid on the table.

The hour of noon having arrived the council was bidden to prayer. Bishop Gibson conducting devotion offering petitions for missions and for the royal family of England in their sorrow. Rev. W. M. Clark moved to substitute the words Protestant Episcopal for American Church and sacraments ordained by Christ instead of the present ambiguous phraseology. The motion was carried. Rev. R. A. Goodwin and Bishop Lloyd spoke against the preamble, and Bishop Gibson in its favor. The preamble was approved by a vote of 24 to 57. The vote was reconsidered, and it was again approved.

The article of the constitutions looking to the election of a presiding bishop, instead of the present arrangement, where the senior bishop in consecration is president, was approved. That for providing for the election of suffragan bishops was, after considerable discussion, approved by a vote of 40 to 25.

Other amendments looking to the

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trial of a clergyman in the diocese in which his offense is committed, and changes in the Book of Common Prayer, were approved, with amendment to the latter, leaving such changes to the judgment of the General Convention. The report as thus amended was adopted.

Deputies Elected. The following deputies to the General Convention in Cincinnati in October were elected:

Clerical—Rev. E. L. Goodwin, of Fairfax; William M. Clark, of Richmond; Angus Crawford, D. D., of the Theological Seminary, and John J. Gravatt, D. D., of Richmond. Lay—P. H. Mayo and Judge R. Carter, both of Richmond; Joseph Wilmer, of Culpeper, and Rosewell Page, of Hanover. Alternates: Clerical—Revs. Berryman Green, D. D., of the Theological Seminary; William D. Smith, of Winchester; R. J. McBryde, D. D., of Fredericksburg; and P. Phillips, of Alexandria. Lay—H. C. Marchant, of Charlottesville; Judge A. W. Wallace, of Fredericksburg; Judge T. R. Wright, of Tappanahock, and Eugene C. Massie, of Richmond.

Dr. Crawford read the report of the committee on church unity, appointed at the last council, with the bishop as chairman. This has been acted on, representatives of different denominations conferring with this committee. The report was heartily approved with the exception of the item providing for association of ministers of other churches with those of the Episcopal Church in marriages and burials. The advisability of this has been so generally recognized that the council was unwilling to raise question as to its legality. On motion of Dr. Crawford the council adopted the resolution requesting the bishop to appoint a committee to represent it in a conference of like committees from other churches to consider church unity.

Resolution of appreciation and sympathy for Dr. L. M. Blackford and Rev. William B. Lee, who were unable to attend the council on account of sickness, were adopted. The new canon No. 16 looking to the reorganization of the Sunday school commission, was adopted.

On motion of Rev. William D. Smith, a committee was appointed, consisting of the two bishops and two other clergy, to extend the momentum of the Laymen's Missionary Movement throughout the diocese, and Rev. William D. Smith and Robert S. Carter were named.

Rev. S. A. Wallis, D. D., offered a resolution of thanks to the rectors of Holy Trinity and St. John's Church, in Richmond, and the other friends whose kind attentions had contributed to the success of the council. This was heartily adopted.

After devotional services, conducted by the bishop, the council adjourned.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY ANGRY CITIZENS

Albany, Ga., May 20.—Because he attempted to criminally assault the eight-year-old daughter of Henry T. Baker county, Charlie Wilson, a negro boy, about eighteen years old, was lynched at a late hour last night by a mob of citizens, who took the negro by force from a ballist before he could be inducted in jail at Newton.

Wilson attempted to assault the Tison child Thursday afternoon, but her screams were heard by her father, who caught the negro and turned him over to an officer.

Wilson was hanged from a tree, standing near a much-traveled road, and his body wasiddled with bullets. Negroes of the community showed little concern over the lynching.

News of South Richmond

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Census Supervisor Richard Moore journeyed out to Chesterfield County house yesterday morning to represent a number of farmers charged with violating the wide tire law.

Rev. Henry C. Pfeiffer, pastor of Central Methodist Church, will leave this morning for Bowling Green, where he will deliver an address at the commencement exercises of the Bowling Green Seminary. His pulpit to-morrow will be filled by Professor D. L. Anderson.

A large number of citizens visited the new post-office at Eleventh and Hull Streets yesterday. Postmaster T. H. Smith showed them through the handsome building and explained every detail.

This afternoon from 2:30 to 3:30 the building will be open to inspection by the white school children of the Southside. From 3:30 to 4:30 it will be open to the colored children.

To-night Postmaster Smith and his assistants will transfer all records from the old office and commence business in the new place.

Funeral of Infant. The funeral of William, the six months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. McGee, took place yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Miles. Interment was made in Riverside Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Craig, of 1212 Porter Street, who died Tuesday while on a visit to her son, Charles H. Craig, of Mobile, Ala., took place yesterday afternoon from the Porter Street Presbyterian Church at 4 o'clock.

Rev. R. H. Winfree, pastor of Mount Hermon and Bethel Baptist Churches, has been sent as a delegate to the Sunday School Bible Class convention, which is now in session in Washington.

New Police Named. Judge Walter A. Watson, of the Circuit Court of Chesterfield county, has appointed Edward M. Bridger policeman for the village of Ettrick, Chesterfield county. The office pays a salary of \$2 per month.

Building of new residences is reaching the high water mark here. One Southside contractor has ten houses under contract. Since annexation real estate has taken a big boom and there is a great demand for property.

Mrs. C. W. Morris, of 1317 Porter Street, has been suddenly called to the bedside of her father, who is seriously ill in South Boston.

Those who have visited the High School to view the drawings of the scholars of the Southside have expressed their surprise at the excellence of the work done. The exhibition will close to-day. An invitation has been extended to all.

Dr. Richard Jefferies, of Richmond, who has been visiting his brother, J. W. Jefferies, of Middleman, Chesterfield county, has returned home.

Lights on Bridge. Many favorable comments have been made on the placing of the new light on the Free Bridge before annexation. It was a known fact that there was seldom a light upon the bridge. One motorman asserted last night that he formerly could not see a few feet in front of his car. He said that annexation was the best thing that ever happened to the city.

The Leader Theatre, at Hull and Tenth Streets, was closed last night, and it seems probable that it will be closed for some time to come.

Made Him Nervous. Declaring that he could make him nervous, and that he could not work, a negro in the distillery company near the Seaboard Air Line depot, threw up his job a day or two ago. He could not be persuaded to leave the place, but with the innate superstition of his race, determined to spend his last few days on earth in quiet and to prepare himself fittingly for the end of the world.

Independent Candidates. W. T. Hart and W. D. Ferguson announced yesterday that they were independent candidates for the City Council in Washington Ward in the June election. The present members of the Council have been declared the Democratic nominees from the ward.

Personal Mention. W. E. Bethell, of Farmville, who has been the guest of his parents at 1008 Perry Street, has returned home. Mrs. Charles W. Page and son, Norvell, who have been visiting relatives on Perry Street, have returned to their home in Cincinnati.

Frank Davis, of 1027 Decatur Street, has returned from a visit to his daughter in Chesterfield county. William Talbot continues quite ill at his home in Swansboro.

Athletic Team. Odie B. Hittman, rector of the Dixie Athletic Association, said last night that everything was progressing satisfactorily in the campaign work. The board of directors of the association will hold a very important meeting Tuesday night.

The Wizards will cross bats with the Richmond Tigers this afternoon on the former's diamond. A good game is expected.

Delegates to Detroit. Walter E. DuVal and John Sampson have been delegates to the Spring National Convention of the United States Insurance Company at Detroit.

COL. BUTTON WILL ACT AS MEDIATOR

Commissioner Offers Services in Insurance Muddle in Newport News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newport News, Va., May 20.—Colonel Joseph Button, State Insurance Commissioner, spent to-day here going over the insurance situation with local business men and insurance agents. Colonel Button said he would be glad to act as a mediator between the Southeastern Underwriters' Association and the local insuring public. The commissioner did not say what he would do, but he gave the local people to understand that he would endeavor to have the increase of 10 per cent. in rates recently made by the Underwriters rescinded.

Whatever may be done by the commissioner, or the commercial organizations, will not affect the criminal proceedings instituted against the officers and members of the Underwriters' Association by Commonwealth's Attorney Berkeley. The twenty-three insurance men arrested at 114 Springs on Wednesday will appear in the Police Court here for trial on June 8. The Commonwealth's Attorney acted without regard to the efforts of the commercial organizations to have the increase in rates rescinded, and the people generally here seem to be in favor of prosecuting the association to the limit if the contention of the Commonwealth's attorney that the organization is an unlawful conspiracy holds.

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There are still a number of witnesses to go on the stand for the defense. Some of this evidence will be of an expert nature. It is now believed that the trial of the case will go into next week.

QUIT OBSESSANCE. Charlotte Citizens Celebrate Signing of Declaration of Independence.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlotte, N. C., May 20.—In striking contrast to the celebration of a year ago, when the President of the nation was a guest, Charlotte's observance of the 120th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence was a quiet affair.

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The next session will be held in Clay Street Methodist Church, Richmond.

Drowned in Cape Fear River. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wilmington, N. C., May 20.—On his first trip on the Clyde liner Santiago, a young Norwegian, Richard Rager, horns, met death in the Cape Fear River here this afternoon. He was sent to help paint the steamer, and tried to jump overboard to save his life. He missed his objective point, and plunged into the river. He could not swim, and sank immediately.

Marquet-Mountcastle. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., May 20.—Word has been received here of the recent marriage of Miss Hortense Mountcastle, daughter of Mrs. M. B. Mountcastle, of Amherst county, to Ralph Marquet, the ceremony being performed in New York City.

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